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**NEWINGTON-DOVER PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**WIDENING OF 3.5 MILE SECTION OF THE SPAULDING TURNPIKE**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the scheduling of two Public Informational Meetings to review and discuss alternative proposals for widening a 3.5-mile section of the Spaulding Turnpike (NH Route 16) in Newington and Dover, New Hampshire.

This project seeks to improve roadway safety and provide additional highway capacity in the vicinity of the Little Bay Bridges to address serious traffic congestion issues. The two scheduled meetings, on May 18 in Dover and May 19 in Newington, are intended to provide a project update and review the alternatives and impacts.

The project begins north of Exit 1 (Gosling Road Interchange) in Newington and runs north to the Dover Toll Plaza, just north of Exit 6 (US Route 4) in Dover. Various options have been developed for the project, including rehabilitation and widening of the Little Bay Bridges; rehabilitation or removal of the historic General Sullivan Bridge; consolidation of the interchanges; and the layout of the Spaulding Turnpike and adjoining roadways.

The Dover meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at the Dover City Hall Auditorium, 288 Central Avenue, in Dover at 7:00 pm, followed by a question and comment period.

The second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2005 at the Newington Town Hall, 202 Nimble Hill Road in Newington. This 7:00 pm meeting will also be followed by a question and comment period.